

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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EXPANSION OF RAILWAY NETWORK
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Ministry of Finance has asked the Railways to submit the details of financing structure it would like to have for its massive expansion plans;
- (b) if so, whether the Railways have already submitted a Rs.26,000 crore proposal for expansion and augmentation of its network;
- (c) if so, the details of the proposal;
- (d) whether the Railways have got approval of the Finance Ministry; and
- (e) if so, the steps being taken to implement the proposal for expansion?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Railways, in association with the Ministry of Finance has decided to draw up a proposal for strengthening the Golden Quadrilateral and its two diagonals, connecting the four metropolitan cities of Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata and Delhi. In addition, a proposal for construction of Mega Bridges has also been formulated. The investment required for capacity enhancement work on Golden Quadrilateral have been estimated to be in the range of Rs.8000 crores and those for construction of Mega Bridges in the range of Rs.3600 crores. All possible avenues of funding, including multilateral financing and creation of a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) for mobilising funds are being explored. The proposal for creation of SPV for Golden Quadrilateral works is presently being processed.